FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Comprehensive national programme for the prevention and control of AIDS is currently under implementation throughout the country including Gujarat. The strategies consist of generation of awreners among risk-behaviour groups and other people, control of STD, blood-safety and rational use of blood and better facilities for surveillance, diagnosis and management of HIV/ AIDS cases.

(d) Of the 4 AIDS cases 3 male and one female reported from Gujarat so far, one each belonged to the Districts of Bharuch, Junagarh, Rajkot and Mehsana. All these four persons have since expired

(e) and (f) Do not arise in view of the reply in part (c).

Maharashtra into the Grip of Cholera

2781. SHRI H. HANUMAN-THAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra come into the grip of cholera recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following measures are undertaken by the State Government to prevent any possible outbreak of Cholera:—

1. Surveillance and monitoring;
2. Supply of safe drinking water;
3. Strengthening of Health Education measures;
4. Supply of essential medicines and disinfectants.

Dialogues with WHO to Finance Tobacco Growers

2782. SHRI MENTAY PADMA-NABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government. have initiated any dialogue with the World Health Organisation to finance and off-set potential losses that will affect farmers by the implementation of restructure and tobacco prohibited laws; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indemnity Scheme of Indian Medical Association

2783. SHRI V. NARAYANA SAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it . has come to the notice of Government that the Indian Medical Association has recently worked out a professional indemnity scheme to help doctors in case they are sued for negligence;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto';

(c) what is the total membership of the Indian Medical Association; and

(d) how much amount does it intend to take from each member for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ^.

SHANKARANAND): (a) The Indian Medical Association (I.M.A.) have informed that they have worked out a draft professional Indemnity Scheme for their members.

(b) Government will react only when the final scheme is submitted by the I.M.A.

(c) According to the I.M.A. the Membership was 88,995 as on 30.9.1993.

(d) The details are yet to be finalised by I.M.A.

Reservation of Foreign Students in Registered Private Medical Colleges

2784. SHRI AHMED MOHMED BHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has expressed concern and surprise over the Union Government's policy seeking for reserving 50 per cent seats in Private Registered Medical Colleges for, foreign students;

(b) if so, whether they have issued any directives for reducing the same;

(c) whether Government have conceded the directives issued by the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) The Supreme Court in the judgement dated 7th October, 1993 have restricted the admission of foreigners and N.R.Is to 15% of the total intake for the academic year 1993-94. The State Governments and concerned private medical colleges have to implement the Court's orders.

Dental Services in Government Hospitals

2785. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Government hospitals are providing service of fixing artificial teeth to patients;

(b) if so, what are the details of these hospitals, State-wise, and Union-Territory-wise with formalities to be undertaken by patients in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to extend this service in some more Government hospitals of the country; and

(d) if so, the names of these hospitals State-wise and Union Territory-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) Health is a State subject and the provision of health care services including dental services is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Central Government hospitals are not providing the, services of fixing artificial teath to patients.

Recognition to Private Medical Practitioners

2786. SHRI MENTAY PADMA-NABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from the "Private Medical Practitioners Association of India" to grant recognition to their members based on certain norms;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government 'in this regard;

(c) whether the petitioners have been called for a meeting to discuss across the table their problems;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and